



**Transcript for the January 25, 2012, Webchat
Immigrant Visas**

Q: Good Morning, I am attending a visa interview next week with my husband and 16 month old son. Will I be able to take a beaker of warm milk (in an insulated bag) and some jars of rice pudding and snacks (breadsticks cereal bars etc) into our appointment? also, would I be able to bring some books and toys in with me to entertain the baby? Thanks!

A: You can bring food, drink and toys for your baby. However, please do not bring any electronic toys.

Q: The Visa appointment is for a Green Card through the Diversity Visa Program (Diversity Lottery). We have been asked to provide evidence of support? What are these requirements? Will proof of ownership on properties we intend to sell if we are granted the visa be sufficient?

A: You may wish to furnish an affidavit of support Form I-134 to demonstrate that you are not likely to become a public charge in the United States

Q. Hello, I applied for Immigrant visa CR1 through my American Wife and I attended the interview in early December 2011. Meanwhile, I had everything in perfect line, clean record, lived in the US for over 7 years, and I am a European Citizen, I was put on Administrative Processing. I am not sure why, but I would like to ask you if you could please give me an idea of when would be a realistic timeline to hear back from the embassy? would you know why AP was implemented or is it a standard National Security protocol?

A: Additional administrative processing varies in each case and there is no set period of time that it may take. Please be assured that you will be contacted as soon as the processing is complete.

Q: Hi there, this is a great service to answer questions. I have my immigration interview soon as follow-to-join my husband. What kind of questions will I be asked? Also, all my documents have been processed by the NVC in USA, do I have to bring any more documents?

A: We recommend that you review our website at http://london.usembassy.gov/application_documents.html - if any of the required documents were not sent to NVC, you should bring them to your interview together with your photographs and your passport.

Q: I applied for an immigrant visa previously but cancelled the application 5 years ago- do I need to mention this on the new application?

A: You should be prepared to provide details about your previous immigrant visa application as appropriate. If you have further questions about filing a petition, you may wish to contact the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for assistance.

Q. dear consular officer: i have questions about f 1 prefernce category. i had interview for immigrant visa in november 2010,the nvc forwarded my case to the u.s consulate,so,after my interview,and i had finger prints,the consular officer requested a join sponsor for my



case,because my petitioner doesn't have a good income in 2009,so,after about 2 month,and while i was looking for a joint sponsor,i contact the consulate,to provide my petitioner evidences of assets,i've been told that my case is not current yet, my priority date is june 1 2005. so,my case was current in 2010,but in the begining of 2011,became not current again due to the retrogression, so. wil lthe u.s consulate forward back the case to the nvc? orto the uscis?and if my case became current again in this year,will i contact the uscis?or the nvc? to forward again my case to u.s consulate?

A: U.S. Consular Officer 2: If you have been advised that your case is currently subject to retrogression, your file will be kept at the Embassy in London. You will be contacted once a visa number becomes available for your use.

Q: Can you please detail all the forms that I need to complete and the supporting documentation necessary

A: Information about applying for an immigrant visa can be found on our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/immigrant-visas.html> The first step is filing a petition with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

Q. the u.s consulate asked me to come to get my passport back,because they kept it by mistake after my interview;so,does it mean if i egt my passport,that my case will forward back to the uscis?

A: We regret that we cannot answer case-specific inquiries in this forum. If you require further assistance, please contact our Operator Assisted Information Service on 09042 450 100 (£1.23/min, plus network extras)

Q: My question is regarding Police Certificates. My wife and I are Uk citizens awaiting visa petition approval and subsequently our interview.We have current Police Certificates which we understand are valid for 1 year from date of issue.We have plenty of time left before the certificate expires however we have moved homes within the Uk since it was issued.Do we need to Get a new certificate reflecting the address change or will our current certificate be sufficient assuming we are within the 1 year validity period.

A: You will not need to obtain a new Police Certificate to reflect the fact that you have moved house. A United Kingdom Police Certificate (ACRO) is valid for 12 months from the date of issuance.

Q: I am a US citizen who has lived in the UK most of my life. I currently live in the UK with my British husband but we want to move to the US together. I do not understand the logistics of how we can do this, however, and have some questions:- As we want to move at the same time I presume I cannot meet the domicile/ US income requirements when I complete the I-864 form. Can a joint sponsor be used to meet these requirements? With the domicile requirement will it be enough that I will entering the US with my husband and be domiciled from entry?- If we file the I-130 then apply for a K3 visa, completing the I-864 and applying for my husband's immigrant visa when we are living and working in the US, does this get around the problems with the domicile and US income requirements in the I-864?- To apply for the K3 visa we need to show evidence of sufficient income and it is suggested this is done by form I-134. Will this give



us the same problems with domicile and income requirements as the form I-864

A: It is not possible to file a K-3 petition with UCIS Field Office in London. However, the processing times for filing an immigrant visa petition, Form I-130, with the USCIS London are typically lower than processing times for a K-3 visa. Information about filing Form I-864, Affidavit of Support, including information about the income and domicile requirements, can be found on our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/i864.html>. Provided that you can furnish evidence that you have maintained a residence in the United States or have taken steps to re-establish residence in the United States, then you will not be required to travel to the United States in advance of your husband.

Q. hi good afternoon . i had an interview in 8th of december for dv 2012. in the interview they took all my documents and gave me cd to pass to us immigration when i first arrive there and at the end interviewer said everything looks fine in your application but your application requires additional processing and we will contact you to collect your passport when the processing finish.my ques is how long this process can be as month and half past already. my second question is how the embassy will contact me by email or phone? thanx

A: Administrative processing can take several months. You'll normally be contacted by letter once the processing is complete.

Q: Is there a way to find out the status of an Administrative Processing?

A: There's no set period of time that administrative processing takes, and you will be contacted once the administrative processing has been completed. For case specific information, you can call the Operator Assisted Information Service on 09042-450-100. Calls to this line are charged at £1.23/min plus network extras.

Q: My Question is my IV (marriage spouse) interview held 22 sep 2011 interview went fine they don't require any further documents form my side but they said your case need addinonal processing but its more than 120 days now and I am still waiting i call twice to US embassy london helpdesk and they say just wait could u help me out

A: As previously explained, administrative processing varies in each case. Therefore, any times quoted should be used only as a guide. Please be patient; you will be contacted as soon as the additional administrative processing in your case has been completed.

Q. My husband is a U.S. citizen but has never lived in the U.S. or earned income there. He petitioned for me to obtain an immigrant visa but after submitting all the relevant paperwork, including filing tax returns, showing evidence of buying a house in the U.S. and opening a bank account, I was told that I would need another sponsor as income earned in the U.K. did not count, even though we produced evidence to prove that we had sufficient money to satisfy the financial requirements. My son is married to an American citizen and has worked in the U.S. for nearly two years so would he be able to sponsor me or is there a minimum time he has to live there?



A: A joint sponsor must be a United States citizen or a Legal Permanent Resident (LPR). More information about joint sponsorship can be found on a website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/i864.html>

Q: I travelled to the U.S., met and married my husband in Las Vegas. We filed the paperwork to get my citizenship, but i had to come back to the UK before it came through. Can I come to the Embassy to complete the process and get my passport and stuff?

A: If you departed the United States before your request to adjust status was completed, your request will have been cancelled. If you wish to reside in the United States indefinitely or permanently you will be required to apply for an immigrant visa. Please see our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/immigrant-visas.html> for more information.

Q: I applied for residency about 9 years ago through an immigration lawyer. That did not progress to conclusion and I halted the process about 6 years ago. Do I need to declare/detail that at all in my application? I am married to a US citizen.

A: Please see our previous response regarding a cancelled visa application

Q: My wife and I intending to apply for US residency as immediate relatives of US citizens. I have a conviction on my CRB dating back to 1964 will this stop me from being accepted for an immigration visa.

A: This determination can only be made by a consular officer on the day of your interview. Please be prepared to submit a memorandum of conviction in addition to your UK police certificate.

Q. Hello! Me and my wife have been selected for further processing in the DV-2012 program. We plan to provide Evidence of Support for ourselves at the interview as we don't have family or an employer to sponsor us. Based on this, we have the following questions : a) Will our bank statements from the last 6 months be adequate? b) Do we also need to show credit card statements? c) Should the principal applicant's dependent (my wife) also need to show her own bank statements? d) Most of our funds have already been invested in two separate properties. We doubt that we'd be able to show evidence of support that exceeds 125% of the poverty guidelines, but our investments in the two properties more than covers the required 125%. So will our properties also be taken into account when a decision is made to grant the visa? Because we would prefer not to sell the properties before the interview, as the application for the visa is not guaranteed to be successful.

A: At the time of the interview the consular officer will take into account all possible assets. This may include savings, investment, and property. You may also wish to utilize the affidavit of support Form I-134 to demonstrate that you are not likely to become a public charge in the United States. Form I-134 is available online at <http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.5af9bb95919f35e66f614176543f6d1a/?vgnextoid=fe3647a55773d010VgnVCM10000048f3d6a1RCRD&vgnextchannel=db029c7755cb9010VgnVCM10000045f3d6a1RCRD>



Q: Hello, is there a contact person at the US Embassy in London to inquire about specific Administrative Processing? I know the US Immigration is always keen to help families get together and not stay separate.

A: For information about case specific information, you can contact Operator Assisted Information Service on 09042-450-100. Calls to this line are charged at £1.23/min plus network extras.

Q: dear consular officer! my petitioner name include a letter,as his middle name B. my name,samantha wyatt. his name jhon B wyatt, in his income tax return ,it shows his middle name,but in his passport,and his naturalization certificate,and also in my birth date certificate,it shows just his first and last name,so it will be a problem for me? that i do'nt have a middle name,but my father (petitioner have it ?in his social security card,and in his income tax return report?

A: If you have case specific questions, please call our Operator Assisted Information Service on 09042 450 100 (£1.23/min, plus network extras) as we are unable to answer them in this forum

Q. dear consular officer,what about other u.s consulates in other countries,will they also kept the case?i mean the u.s consulate in my country will do the same as the u.e embassy in london?i mean to keep my case at their post?

A: The answer to this question depends on the individual case. If you have moved countries, you may need to attend another interview in the country of your current residence.

Q: Thank-you for your earlier answer. An affidavit of support was not required by the NVC, I assume as my husband has already had his green carddo I still need to bring one with me to the interview?

A: If you have a case specific question, please contact the Operator Assisted Information Service on 09042 450 100 (£1.23/min, plus network extras)

Q: dear consular officer,i had my immigrant visa interview since more than 1 year,so ,if ym case became current again,will i need to be interviewed again?and will i pay again the fees for my case?

A: If the numbers for your immigrant visa class regressed after the time of your interview, you would generally not need to attend a new interview when your number becomes current again. If your number becomes current again, you will be notified by the Embassy. If you need to submit new documents, you will be notified at that time.

Q. will i pay again the fee?if more than 1 year passed?

A: This will be determined when your number becomes current again.

Q: Hello! I have been selected for further processing in the DV-2012 program. I believe that one of the required documents to bring to the interview are military records. I was never called



up for military service, so do I still need to bring any documentation that states this?

A: If you have served in the military forces of any country, you need to provide discharge papers. If you are not sure whether you need to provide records, you can check the reciprocity table for your specific country, or enquire further at the time of interview. The reciprocity table is found here: http://travel.state.gov/visa/fees/fees_3272.html

Q: I got an email from your offices saying that I had won the Green Card lottery and I should send money. I sent the initial fee and I am now waiting for my interview date. Will I be advised by email again, or do I have to call and arrange it myself?

A: Unfortunately, the email you received is a scam and is not connected with the U.S. Government or the U.S. Embassy in any way. Further information is available on our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/ukpapress111.html>. You can report the scam to the Internet Crime Complaint Center, a partnership among the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C), and the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) via www.ic3.gov and to the Metropolitan Police at www.met.police.uk. If you sent money via Western Union, you can report the scam to them as well.

Q: My wife and I are UK Citizens (We both currently have B2 visas.) and are currently awaiting I-526 approval for our EB5 visa application. We would like to visit our vacation home in the USA (which we have had for 15 years). We will of course return to the UK way in advance of our consular interview. Can you please confirm that we are able to enter the US for a vacation while our application is pending also what sort of documentation would the POE officer require to show our intent to return to our home in the UK.

A: The final determination on whether you can enter the United States is always determined at the port of entry. If you are currently applying for an immigrant visa to the United States, you should be prepared to demonstrate that you continue to have strong ties outside of the United States and do not intend to immigrate to the United States on this visit.

Q: Hi! I'm applying for an immigrant visa for my English husband and I'm American. Is it a problem if some of my documents have my maiden name and some have my married name?

A: A list of requisite documents is available on our website at http://london.usembassy.gov/application_documents.html which should include your marriage certificate to reflect your change of name.

Q: I am being sponsored by my US citizen husband. He typically files his US tax return a few months after 15 April, because he gets an extension. If my interview is in May or June (as I estimate) will the I-864 need the 2010 or the 2011 tax return attached?

A: Your husband should provide the return for the tax year previous to that in which he filed the I-864. If your husband receives an extension, he may provide the letter confirming this at the time of your interview.



Q: we are planning to visit my family in the US in April. Will my husband be allowed in the country if he has a pending visa application? I've been told before we will need to show proof that he plans to return but i've no idea what that entails.

A: If your husband is applying to immigrate to the United States, he should be prepared to demonstrate that he continues to have strong ties and continuing commitments outside of the United States and does not intend to immigrate to the United States on this visit. The final determination on whether you can enter the United States is always determined at the port of entry.

Q: can I apply for immigrant visa if I am a syrian citizen live in the UK but not a UK citizen.

A: If you've been resident in the UK for 6 months and have been granted leave to remain by the UK authorities for the period of time it will take to process your application, you may be eligible to apply for your immigrant visa in the UK.

Q. how do I contact the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for assistance?

A: Contact details for USCIS can be found via their website at <http://www.uscis.gov>

Q: I am a Indian National living in US since last 3 years on Non immigrationwork visa.I recently changed my Employer and visa category from L1 to H1. I am nowworking for a US based, consulting and staffing firm on approved H1 visa.I plan (personal leisure trip of 10days) to visit UK in July 2012. In orderto re-enter US, I have to get US H1 visa stamping done at US embassy.Please suggest me if I can schedule an appointment with London US embassyto attend H1 visa stamping interview.

A: For nonimmigrant visa questions, please check back next month or contact the Operator Assisted Information Service at 09042-450-100. Calls to this line are charged at £1.23/min plus network extras.

Q: Webchats like these appear to be popular. Would you consider hosting these webchats more frequently?

A: Thanks for your feedback, Ray. For now, we will continue to host visa chats once a month, but if they continue to grow in popularity we'll see if it is possible to host them more frequently.

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